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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY, AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

ALEXANDER PURDIE, PRINTER.

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 22.

Copy of a letter from col. Richard Caſwell, *to* Cornelius Harnett, *eſq; preſident of the Provincial Council of* North Carolina, *dated camp at* Long Creek, *Feb.* 29, 1776.

SIR,

I HAVE the pleaſure to acquaint you that we had an engagement with the Tories at Moore's creek bridge on the 27th inſtant. Our army was about 1000 ſtrong, conſiſting of the Newbern battalion of minute-men, the militia from Craven, Johnſton, Dobbs, and Wake, and a detachment of the Wilmington battalion of minute-men, which we found encamped at Moore's creek the night before the battle, under the command of col. Lillington. The Tories, by common report, were 3000 ſtrong; but general Macdonald, whom we have a priſoner, ſays they amounted only to about 15 or 1600. He was unwell that day, and not in the action. Capt. Macleod, who ſeemed to be the principal commander, with capt. John Campbell, are among the ſlain. The number killed, and mortally wounded, from the beſt accounts I have been able to collect, is about 30, moſt of whom were ſhot on their paſſing the bridge. Several fell in the water, ſome of whom I am certain had not riſen yeſterday evening, when I left the camp. Such priſoners as we have made ſay, there were at leaſt 50 of their men miſſing. The Tories were totally put to the rout, and will certainly diſperſe. Col. Moore arrived at the camp a few hours after the engagement was over. His troops came up that evening, and are now encamped on the ground where the battle was fought; and col. Martin is at or near Croſs Creek, with a large body of men. Theſe, I preſume, will be ſufficient to put an effectual ſtop to any farther attempts of the Tories to embody again. I therefore, with col. Moore's conſent, am returning to Newbern with the troops under my command, where I hope to receive your orders to diſmiſs. I intend bringing the general with me; but ſhould the Council riſe before my arrival, be pleaſed to give orders in what manner he ſhall be diſpoſed of. Our officers and men behaved with the ſpirit and intrepidity becoming freemen, contending for their deareſt privileges. I have the honour, &c. R. CASWELL.

Liſt of rifle guns, and other articles already taken from the Highlanders and regulators, viz. 1500 rifle guns, all of them excellent pieces; two medicine cheſts, immediately from England, one of them valued at 300l. ſterling; one box, containing half-johanneſſes and Engliſh guineas, diſcovered by a negro ſecreted in a ſtable at Croſs Creek; 13 waggons, with complete ſets of horſes; 850 common ſoldiers taken priſoners, diſarmed and diſcharged.

We have flying parties out, taking the ringleaders and all ſuſpected perſons, and diſarming the common ſoldiers throughout the whole back country.

Liſt of priſoners taken by col. Long, and now in Halifax jail. Col. John Piles, major Thomas Collins, capt. David Jackſon, capt. Enoch Bradley, capt. John Piles, capt. Thomas Bradford, capt. William Bradford, lieutenant Stephen Parker, lieutenant Donald Macdonald, (wounded through the thigh) enſign John Downing, and doctor Roberſon York; alſo in Halifax jail, four of the name of Fields, one of the name of Turner, and three of the name of Bell, with a midſhipman and quarter-gunner of the Scorpion man of war.

Liſt of priſoners taken by col. Martin, and ſent to Halifax jail. Col. Kingſborough Macdonald, col. Hugh Macdonald, col. Thomas Rutherford, col. Hector M'Neil, col. Alexander Macdonald, capt. Morriſon, capt. Mackenzie, capt. Thomas Weir, capt. Leggate, capt. Solomon Groſs, capt. Perſons, capt. M'Coy, capt. Muſe of the light horſe, capt. John Mulkeſon, capt. Neil M'Carter, adjutant Fraſer, lieutenants Colin M'Iver, Joſhua Hewes, Cameron, Donald Muſe, Donald Cameron, and ſundry other lieutenants and enſigns, whoſe names I have not yet an account of. Kenneth Macdonald, aid-de-camp; James Hepburn ſecretary; parſon Beattie, chaplain; Aaron Verdy, waggon-maſter; doctor Morriſon, commiſſary. He alſo took about 350 guns and ſhot bags, with about 150 ſwords and dirks.

MR. PURDIE,

THE inhabitants of New Kent county would be glad to be informed, through the channel of your free preſs, by what means they were ſo far diſgraced as to have a commiſſioner ſent amongſt them, from another county, to diſpoſe of the cargo of the prize taken by capt. Barron, and landed at Cumberland; and why the publick were at the expenſe of paying ſtorage for theſe goods, when the tobacco warehouſes, which were commodious, and convenient for the reception of them, might have been uſed without any expenſe. It appears reaſonable to them, that ſome of the perſons who had the trouble of guarding theſe goods, in a very inclement ſeaſon, were better entitled to any incidental profit attending the diſpoſal of them than a ſtranger, and that this profit might equally as well have centred in the county (which was immediately expoſed to any ill conſequences attending their being landed in it) as any other. They have no doubt but many perſons might be found in their county of equal capacity and integrity with the commiſſioner employed, who could, from their ſituation, have performed the ſervice cheaper; and they are ſurpriſed to be informed, by their delegates who were at Williamſburg when this matter happened, that they were not conſulted on the occaſion. If they have done any thing to forfeit the confidence of the publick, the freeholders wiſh to know it before the approaching election.

NEW KENT, *March* 14, 1776.

NEWBERN, *March* 3.

In Provincial COUNCIL, *March* 4, 1776.

RESOLVED, that col. Robert Howe is juſtly entitled to the moſt honourable teſtimony of the approbation of this Council for his important ſervices while in the colony of Virginia, rendered to the common cauſe of American liberty; and that the preſident tranſmit the warmeſt thanks of this board, in the fulleſt and moſt honourable terms, to col. Howe, and all the brave officers and ſoldiers under his command, for their ſpirited conduct, having acquitted themſelves greatly to their honour, and the good of their country.

CORNELIUS HARNETT, preſident.

By order.

JAMES GREEN, jun. clerk.

WILMINGTON *diſtrict.*

PETER SIMON, of Rhode Iſland, maketh oath on the holy evangeliſts of Almighty God, that he was on board a veſſel bound from Dominica, to Ocracock, and taken off Hatteras by the ſloop General Gage, George Stibbles maſter, and brought into Cape Fear about the 25th of February. That capt. Collett was on board the ſaid ſloop when this deponent was taken, and was very communicative with him, ſhewing his papers and inſtructions, and informing what route he was to take, &c. That the ſaid Collett ſaid, he expected to find general Clinton here with 15 or 1600 men, and that the general was to be reinforced in April with 9000. After this junction, they were to march to Croſs Creek by way of Waggamaw, and there join general Macdonald. That there was only a ſufficient number of men for a garriſon to be left at Boſton, and that 25,000 men were to be landed in the Jerſies, between Philadelphia and New York, in flat-bottomed boats; and that if they could not poſſeſs New York, they were to deſtroy it. That the ſaid Collett declared, that he would kill man, woman, and child, reſerving all the young ladies for his private pleaſures. That the night before laſt, this deponent, with ſeveral other perſons, made their eſcape, and came up to Wilmington; and farther ſaith not. PETER SIMON.

Sworn to before me, the 9th of March, 1776.

WILLIAM PURVIANCE.

(*Copy*)

JOHN COOKE, ſecretary.

NEW HANOVER *county.*

WILLIAM RADDON, of the city of Philadelphia, mariner, maketh oath on the holy evangeliſts of Almighty God, that he ſailed from Philadelphia, the 11th of February laſt, as maſter of the ſloop Joſeph, bound for South Carolina, or Georgia. That on the 13th following he was taken by the ſloop General Gage, on board of which was capt. Collett, and brought into Cape Fear. That lieutenant Pitcairn informed this deponent, that every tranſport veſſel that was to

come from England was to bring one or more flat-bottomed boats. That this deponent has seen the deposition of Peter Simon, made this day, and was informed by capt. Collett of the several circumstances therein mentioned. That lieutenant Osborne, of the Raven sloop of war, informed this deponent, that there were to be 60 sail of armed vessels, of different sizes, stationed on the coast, and 20 sail of 20 gun ships and sloops of war were to be on the coast from England in April; and that bomb-ketches were to be brought out, to throw bombs into those places where ships of war could not go up, and were particularly intended against Philadelphia, because the Congress sits there; and that he made his escape with mr. Simon, and others. WILLIAM RADDON.

Sworn to before me the 5th of March, 1776.

WILLIAM PURVIANCE.

(*Copy*) JOHN COOKE, secretary.

WILLIAM RADDON within-named farther deposeth, and saith, that on or about the 27th of February, this deponent being then on board the Falcon sloop of war, capt. Lindsay, and a lieutenant Wright, who commands an armed sloop, declared, that they had intended that night to go up to the town of Brunswick, with about 100 sailors, to set the town on fire in front, station their men on the back of the town, and destroy man, woman, and child, that escaped from the flames; but the reason they did not put their design in execution was, that the sloop commanded by lieutenant Wright got aground when she went out to examine what vessel the sloop General Gage was, and that afterwards Lindsay told Wright that the inhabitants had left the town, and therefore it was of no use to burn it. WILLIAM RADDON.

Sworn to before me the 5th of March, 1776.

(*Copy*) JOHN COOKE, secretary.

WORCESTER, *March* 1.

WE are told a gentleman who came out of Boston last Friday reports, that the enemy have taken away their mortars from Bunker's Hill, and carried them to Boston; that a council of war had been held in Boston for several days; that general Howe had advised the Mandamus Counsellors to go to England, and the Tories to leave the town; that all the vessels in the harbour that were not in the king's service were taken up, to transport the Tories and their effects; and that it was surmised in Boston, should another battle ensue, and the regulars be defeated, they would set fire to the town, and remove to some other part of the continent.

It is a prevailing opinion, that something extraordinary will turn up in the course of a few days.

NEW YORK, *March* 6.

WE are informed, by a captain of a vessel from Rhode island, that last week capt. Wallace landed his marines on Conanicut in the evening, and began to burn the buildings, but being discovered by one of the sentinels, a number of our people concealed themselves behind the walls and fences until they came near them; but the commander, thinking it unfair to fire on them without giving them notice, called out, *Who comes there*, when he heard Wallace order his men to make ready, upon which our party instantly fired among them, and killed and wounded 30 of Wallace's people. Among the slain was an officer of marines, and a drummer, who was killed by Wallace's side, which was plainly seen by the light of the houses on fire. Those that were not wounded of Wallace's party retreated on board the ship, with greater haste than they landed.

Wednesday last Wallace and his fleet went down the bay to Rhode Island, on which they gave him a cannonading as he passed; and on Saturday he returned again, when they paid him the same compliment.

We hear, by a gentleman from Rhode Island, that the Macaroni privateer had taken a transport ship from London. It is said there were found on board orders for general Howe only to act on the defensive, till farther orders.

We hear a number of troops are evacuating Boston, and embarking on board the transports; and it is thought they intend to visit New York, very shortly.

We are just informed that our army at Roxbury had regained possession of Dorchester neck, and had brought with them some mortars and battering cannon.

By several gentlemen from Albany, we learn that the noted Indian partisan St. Luke Le Corne arrived there last Thursday evening, escorted by major Melcher, with a number of the officers taken at Chamblee. That capt. Dickey, with the first company of Pennsylvanians, arrived at Montreal the 16th of February. The 18th, capt. Jenkins, was met on Lake Champlain with his company, capt. Davis at Crown Point, and capt. Williams at Ticonderoga, all of the first battalion of the Pennsylvania forces, in high spirits. That three companies of Green Mountain Boys were also arrived at Montreal. That the lakes were lined with troops from Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, New Hampshire, &c. and that we may soon expect some very agreeable news from Quebeck, as Carleton with his troops are closely penned within the city, and are in great want of fuel, &c.

A bark of 300 tuns, loaded with coal, porter, and cheese, from England for Boston, was lately taken by the Yankie Hero, capt. Thomas, belonging to Newbury Port, and carried in there.

PHILADELPHIA, *March* 9.

A LETTER from Cambridge, of the 29th ult. informs: "That preparations were still making for getting to work on Dorchester neck and Boston; that the enemy were well acquainted with our designs, and had lately thrown up several works to weaken our fire; that on the 28th, they (the enemy) completed a bomb battery and a three gun ketch opposite Litchmore's point, and promise our folks a visit as soon as they break ground on Dorchester; that the principal part of their heavy cannon, hospital stores, &c. are on board ships; all the square rigged vessels in the harbour are taken up, and received two months advance to transport the troops and Tory inhabitants, if necessary, to a less hostile shore; that Monday or Tuesday next will be the important day; that we have 45 batteaus, each to carry 80 men, and two floating batteries, stationed at the mouth of Cambridge river; if the enemy make a serious affair of Dorchester, we may rush into the west part of Boston; the enemy's strength (marines, Tories, and negroes included) about 7000, our's about 20,000."

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 22.

IT is an undoubted fact, that between 8 and 9000wt. of gunpowder is just brought into this colony, from one of the French islands, with a number of field-pieces, four and six-pounders, some muskets, &c. Several French gentlemen likewise came in the vessel, one of whom, shortly after their arrival, set out for Philadelphia.

Last Tuesday general Clinton, and the troops he carried out with him a few weeks ago, arrived in Hampton road (from North Carolina it is supposed, where his presence is not now necessary, since the defeat of the Tories) and this day, we hear, he went out of the capes again, but upon what expedition time only can unravel. We wish it may prove as fortunate as his Carolina excursion.

While a couple of tenders were on their way up James river, last Thursday night, which was very dark and stormy, one of them got fast aground below Jamestown, within a small distance of the shore; and the crew, finding it impracticable to get her off, stayed on board till next morning, when all hands left her, and rowed to the other tender, leaving behind a number of cannon balls, a quantity of salt, some sailors clothes, &c. They then proceeded up to a plantation of mr. Harrison's of Brandon, from whence they stole eight steers out of a cart, and twelve lean cows, which they slaughtered and took with them, for the use of lord Dunmore's hungry fleet and army, robbing the overseer likewise of all his household goods, stripping the negro cabins, and carried with them, by force, two valuable negro men, as recruits, we suppose, for the *Royal Regiment of Black Fusileers*.

About ten days ago, a sloop bound from Hispaniola to Philadelphia, the property of mr. Beveridge, merchant in that city, and commanded by capt. Forrester, was taken in the bay by a tender belonging to the Roebuck man of war, and one Rogers, a midshipman, with five seamen, were put on board to conduct her to Norfolk; at the same time taking out all the hands, except the mate and a boy. In her voyage thither, one of the casks of wine in the hold becoming leaky, by some accident, the midshipman and his party went down to stop the leak, when the mate and boy, with great address, shut down the hatches and secured the prisoners, and then pushed to the Eastern Shore with the vessel and cargo, the latter worth at least 4000 l. sterling. Captain Hammond, on hearing of this affair, ordered capt. Forrester, who was on board the Roebuck, up to the prison ship at Norfolk, in a pilot boat, under the escort of a midshipman and six hands; but the vessel running aground on an oyster bank, two miles below lord Dunmore's ship, the midshipman ordered one of the seamen into a canoe to do something for the relief of the vessel, when capt. Forrester seized the opportunity, and, leaping into the canoe, cut the painter with a jack-leg knife, on which she swung off with the tide; then turning to the seaman, swore he would cut his throat if he offered to obstruct him in his escape. This menace quieted the fellow till capt. Forrester had paddled about 100 yards, when, finding his escape was practicable, he pulled with all his might, and both got safely ashore, amidst a cloud of curses and imprecations from the midshipman and sailors. The captain, and his comrade whom he has taken, have gone to Accomack, to look after the vessel, and to dispose of the cargo to the best advantage.

Capt. Forrester informs, that the Kingfisher is gone round to Boston, to bring a number of ships of war up Delaware river, to prevent the Philadelphians from making any farther preparations for the defence of their city; it being determined upon, it seems, that the grand attack shall be made upon Philadelphia, as soon as the fleet and troops arrive from England, but we hops will prove equally abortive with the rest of the cursed ministerial schemes to enslave America.

Mr. Watkins, of Halifax county, desires that the publick may be informed that he went on board lord Dunmore's ship to transact some of his own private business, when his lordship made use of every artifice to prevail on him to raise a party in his favour, or at least to endeavour to prevent any people from his part of the country from coming down as soldiers. He promised him any commission or office in his county, and assured him that he would have the courthouse moved to his own plantation. After using every wheedling art, his lordship attempted to disgust him with a scandalous and false representation of the conduct of our officers and soldiers, and then attempted to move his fears; for he told him, upon being asked who the commissioners were, that they

were 15,000 Ruſſians, the Cherokees, Shawaneſe, Delawares, Wyondots, Mingoes, and our negroes.

Mr. Watkins has depoſed to this effect, and deſired that the ſubſtance of his depoſition might be publiſhed. To diſguſt our ſoldiers, he told him that four of them obliged a father to ſtand and ſee his daughter raviſhed. And, to enable him to do his buſineſs more effectually, he furniſhed him with ſeveral of the papers publiſhed on board his ſhip, containing miniſterial news and Tory eſſays, calculated to intimidate or deceive. His lordſhip has made an excellent uſe of mr. Holt's preſs, which he moved by violence out of Norfolk on board his ſhip, publiſhing a weekly paper in two half ſheets which he calls the VIRGINIA GAZETTE, and ſends to ſuch tools as he would chooſe to work with; and this is done at the expenſe of the crown!

Lord Dunmore's behaviour to mr. Watkins ſhows how neceſſary it is to put a ſtop to all communication with him; and from the quick intelligence his lordſhip has of every tranſaction in this city, it becomes highly ſo to endeavour to diſcover who are the ſpies amongſt us. It may not be amiſs to warn ſuch perſons of their danger, and to remind them how ſevere a puniſhment muſt be inflicted on them by the law of nature and nations. They will not be *held up to contempt*, which is the puniſhment that was adapted to offences before the war broke out; but death, inflicted by the ſentence of a court-martial, or by the juſt indignation of an enraged people, is the puniſhment due to their crimes.

We hear that lord Dunmore's *Royal Regiment of Black Fuſileers* is already recruited, with runaway and ſtolen negroes, to the formidable number of 80 effective men, who, after doing the drudgery of the day (ſuch as acting as ſcullions, &c. on board the fleet) are ordered upon deck to perform the military exerciſe; and, to comply with their *native* warlike genius, inſtead of the drowſy drum and fife, will be gratified with the uſe of the ſprightly and enlivening *barrafoo*, an inſtrument peculiarly adapted to the martial tune of "*Hungry Niger, parch'd Corn!*" and which from henceforward is to be ſtyled, by way of eminence, the BLACKBIRD MARCH.

General Howe has been pleaſed to promote adjutant Johnſon to the rank of major of brigade in the continental troops of this colony.

The Otter ſloop of war, and two tenders, which have been lying at the mouth of Patuxent, and cruiſing in the bay, for ſome time paſt, took ſeveral prizes, and burnt a ſhallop loaded with oats; and, their audacity increaſing with their ſucceſsful piracy, capt. Squire took it into his head to go up to Baltimore, with the tenders and prizes, with the view, it was ſuppoſed, to take or deſtroy the Defence privateer which had been fitting out at that place. Capt. Nicholſon, however, the commander, having got intelligence of his deſign, immediately got his Defence ready, manned with a number of brave Hearts of Oak, and towed down the river, to give battle to the Otter, ſeveral ſmall veſſels attending, crowded with men, to lend their aſſiſtance, if it ſhould be wanted. Upon being diſcovered bearing down by the tenders, they puſhed off with precipitation, abandoning three or four ſmall prize veſſels, with a large ſhip they had taken loaded with wheat and flour, commanded by one Hudſon. The Defence having manned the prize, and ſeeing the Otter get under way, clued up her courſes and prepared for battle, expecting her to come up; but the Otter having lain about two hours, as if wanting capt. Nicholſon to come down, at length bore away, and in the afternoon came to anchor off Annapolis. Capt. Nicholſon continued his ſtation ſome time; and, having performed this gallant action, returned with the prizes to Baltimore.

Yeſterday col. Grayſon wrote the following letter to the preſident of the Committee of Safety, reſigning his appointment as colonel to the Prince William minute battalion.

SIR, *Williamſburg, March* 21, 1776.

MANY obvious reaſons have determined me to reſign my appointment as colonel to the Prince William minute battalion. Indeed I ſhould have taken this ſtep long ſince, had I not conceived it to be diſgraceful to quit my poſt until I had your poſitive command for that purpoſe. You will therefore be pleaſed to conſider me as no longer acting in that capacity.

I am, ſir,

Your humble ſervant,

WILLIAM GRAYSON.

We are deſired to publiſh the following addreſs to PATRICK HENRY, *jun. eſq; late commander in chief of the* Virginia *forces, which is ſigned by upwards of* 90 *officers, at* Kemp's *landing*, Suffolk, *and* Williamſburg.

SIR,

DEEPLY concerned for the good of our country, we ſincerely lament the unhappy neceſſity of your reſignation; and with all the warmth of affection aſſure you, that, whatever may have given riſe to the indignity lately offered to you, we join with the general voice of the people, and think it our duty to make this publick declaration of our high reſpect for your diſtinguiſhed merit. To your vigilance and judgment, as a ſenator, this united continent bears ample teſtimony, while ſhe proſecutes her ſteady oppoſition to thoſe deſtructive miniſterial meaſures which your eloquence firſt pointed out and taught to reſent, and your reſolution led forward to reſiſt. To your extenſive popularity the ſervice alſo is greatly indebted, for the expedition with which the troops were raiſed; and while they were continued under your command, the firmneſs, candour, and poſiteneſs, which formed the complexion of your conduct towards them, obtained the ſignal approbation of the wiſe and virtuous, and will leave upon our minds the moſt grateful impreſſion. Although retired from the immediate concerns of war, we ſolicit the continuance of your kindly attention. We know your attachment to the beſt of cauſes; we have the fulleſt confidence in your abilities, and in the rectitude of your views; and however willing the envious may be to undermine an eſtabliſhed reputation, we truſt the day will come when juſtice ſhall prevail, and thereby ſecure you an honourable and happy return to the glorious employment of conducting our councils, and hazarding your life in the defence of your country.

With the moſt grateful ſentiments of regard and eſteem, we are, ſir, very reſpectfully,

Your moſt obliged,

And obedient humble ſervants.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WHEREAS capt. *Samuel Kinkead*, of *Weſt Auguſta*, in *January* laſt, ſtood ſuſpected of being unfriendly to the *American* cauſe, on account of ſome expreſſions he dropped in company with ſome gentlemen of this city, we the ſubſcribers, with ſeveral other officers, examined the witneſſes who had heard his expreſſions, and the whole of us were ſatisfied that he meant nothing inimical, but that he ought to ſtand in the ſame reſpectable point of view with all friends of *America* as he formerly did.

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN.
GEORGE GIBSON.

WHOEVER has one or two NEGRO CARPENTERS to diſpoſe of may hear of a purchaſer by applying to the PRINTER.

BLANDFORD, *March* 12, 1776.

I INTEND to leave the colony.

LAWRENCE PROWDFOOT.

LOUDOUN, *March* 15, 1776.

ALL thoſe indebted to mr. *Andrew Leitch*, merchant in *Dumfries*, for dealings in the ſtore, are hereby deſired to make payment to the ſubſcriber; and to take notice, that no other perſon has any right to grant diſcharges for the ſame.

HUGH STEUART.

N. B. The ſaid *Steuart* alſo gives notice, that he is no way concerned in trade with ſaid *Leitch*.

For SALE,

A LIKELY *NEGRO WENCH*, little more than 30 years of age, who is a very good houſe ſervant, and can, upon occaſion, be very ſerviceable in the field. For terms apply to mr. *Richard Brown* in *York* town, or the Printer.

ESSEX, *March* 12, 1776.

I INTEND to leave the colony immediately. (2) JOHN DOW.

LOST in or near *York* town, a *GOLD WATCH*, with gold hands, the maker's name *Delander*; ſhe runs on a diamond, and had to her a lady's ſteel chain, with a ſeal of *Virginia* ſtone ſet in gold, ornamented with a coat of arms. Whoever delivers it to the printer ſhall be genteelly rewarded.

LOUISA, *March* 18, 1776.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber on the 16th inſtant (*March*) a likely negro fellow named *JACOB*, who is about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, 30 years old, ſquare and well made, is very black, and has a down look; had on, and took with him, a coarſe blue cloth great coat, a fine brown mixt coloured broadcloth body coat, double-breaſted ſcarlet cloth waiſtcoat, a pair of very good buckſkin breeches, knit yarn ſtockings, very good hat and ſhoes, and alſo ſeveral ſhirts of white and brown linen, and ſome money. He was born in *Pennſylvania*, bred a farmer, pretends to great ſkill in farriery, ſpeaks in the *Scotch-Iriſh* dialect, and in converſation frequently uſes the words *moreover* and *likewiſe*; and as he can read and write, will probably forge a paſs. Whoever takes up ſaid ſlave, and ſecures him ſo that his maſter may get him again, ſhall have 40s. if taken in *Louiſa*, *Albemarle*, or *Orange*; if in any other county in the colony 5l. and if taken out of the colony 10l. paid by

DAVID HOOPS.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, on *Sunday* the 10th inſtant, a negro man named *JAMES*, who is a ſhort thick ſquat fellow, marked with the ſmall pox, has a remarkable flat noſe, ſpeaks bad *Engliſh*, and is very well known in and about this town. Whoever takes up the ſaid fellow, and conveys him to me, ſhall have 20s. beſides what the law allows.

(tf) PETER PELHAM.

COMMITTED to the publick jail, a runaway boy named *CHARLES*, who ſays he belongs to mr. *Richard Hanſon* of *Peterſburg*. He was formerly the property of mr. *James Burwell*, of whom mr. *Hanſon* purchaſed him. He is about 5 feet 5 inches high, has a remarkable prominent mouth, a ſlight ſcar, or ſcratch, acroſs his forehead, and a little black bump on his right cheek, near his noſe, much like a wart. His owner is deſired to apply for him, pay charges, and take him away.

(tf) PETER PELHAM.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the ſubſcriber in *Smithfield*, the 5th inſtant, a middle ſized black horſe with a ſtar in his forehead, has a roached mane and bob tail (which has been lately trimmed) is a little galled on his breaſt with harneſs, paces ſlow, is in very good order, but has no brand perceivable. Whoever delivers the ſaid horſe to me ſhall have 40s. reward.

(2) JOHN LEE.

JUNIUS, a beautiful bay, 6 years old next *June*, of an elegant form, and 15 hands high, now ſtands in *Prince Edward* county, to cover mares the enſuing ſpring, at 20s. the leap, 40s. the ſeaſon, or 4l. the enſurance. *Junius* was got by *Yorick*, his dam by *Othello*, his grandam by *Monkey*, his great grandam a mare of the old *Spaniſh* breed, called *Merry Laſs*. Thoſe who favour us with their cuſtom will be provided with good paſturage gratis, and may rely on the utmoſt care being taken of their mares; but we will not be anſwerable for any that may get away, and are ſtolen.

(4) WILLIAM WATTS.
EDWARD WATTS.

CHARLES CITY, *March* 1, 1776.

ROMULUS ſtands at the *Indian Fields* this ſeaſon, and will cover mares at 40s. 4l. to enſure, and 12s. 6d. the leap, which is to be paid down. Notes of hand will be taken for the ſeaſon money or enſurance, payable *October* 25, 1776, before the mares are taken away. *Romulus* was got by *Mark Anthony* (whoſe blood is well known) out of *Pompadour*, a fine full blooded mare. He is a beautiful ſorrel, and within half an inch of 15 hands high, well made, and 5 years old this ſpring.

(4) JOHN TYLER.

CUMBERLAND, *March* 6, 1776.

MR. *William Cole*, of *Charles City* county, having executed a power of attorney to me, to tranſact his buſineſs in general; I requeſt the favour of all perſons who have any demands againſt him to be ſpeedy in making them known, that I may be enabled to judge whether the profits of his eſtate are ſufficient to diſcharge them, and afford a comfortable maintenance to his family. Thoſe who are indebted to him are requeſted to make immediate payment to

EDMUND LOGWOOD.

NORTH RIVER, GLOUCESTER *county*, *March* 4, 1776.

THE *beautiful high bred cheſtnut horſe DAMON, full 5 feet 5 inches high, and well proportioned, now riſing 8 years old, and in the higheſt perfection, ſtands at my plantation in* Glouceſter, *and will cover mares at 4l. the ſeaſon, or 30s. the leap. The gentlemen who ſend mares to him muſt ſend the money, or a promiſſory note payable on demand, otherwiſe they will not be received. I have very fine paſtures for the mares, and will have great care taken of them, but will not be lable for any that may ſtray away.*

(6) *MANN PAGE, jun.*

THE ſubſcriber begs leave to inform the publick, that he has taken the *TAVERN* at *AYLETT's*, where no pains or expenſe will be ſpared to accommodate travellers in the beſt manner, having laid in a large ſtock of the beſt liquors, and has had the houſe repaired, and comfortable rooms, with fire-places, for lodgers, provided. Thoſe who will be pleaſed to favour him with their company may be aſſured of the beſt entertainment, and will oblige their obedient ſervant,

ADAM BIRD.

*** Mr. *Bird* has been ſome time in a publick way, and has been ſo remarkable for keeping a good houſe that I was at ſome pains to prevail on him to take this place, and can warrant for his giving ſatisfaction.

WILLIAM AYLETT.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of land in *James City*, containing 550 acres, which is well timbered, and within five miles of *Williamſburg*. For terms apply to

(4) JOHN TYLER.

RUN *or* STOLEN *away from the ſubſcriber in* Weſtmoreland *county, the firſt week in* December 1775, *a negro man named WILL, by trade a blackſmith. He is a large raw-boned able fellow, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, and about 35 years of age. He has a long face, large mouth, thick lips, low forehead, and ſmall ears, his upper fore teeth project over his under lip, he ſpeaks ſlow, and generally with a grinning ſmile, eſpecially when anſwering a queſtion; he has a large ſcar upon his right leg, and a ſmall burnt ſpot on his right cheek, near his temple. His cotton jacket and breeches were old (being thoſe he had laſt year) and a new pair of ſhoes. He is fond of liquor, but never was guilty of running away before. And as there was a pilot boat and large flat oyſtering near to my plantation at the time of his elopement, and the ſaid negro likewiſe being oyſtering for me, I have reaſon to ſuſpect that ſome of the perſons belonging to the pilot boat, or flat, have enticed him away, by making him drunk, or otherwiſe.*

The perſons belonging to the pilot boat were James Sim *and* John Sim, *who live on* Wicomico, *in* Northumberland *county; but carried their oyſters to* Port Tobacco, *in* Maryland, *to ſell.*

The perſons in the flat were John Davis, John Way, *and* Daniel Forgey. *I underſtand they live in* Dumfries, *and that the flat belongs to old* Forgey, *in or near the ſame place, and, as I am informed, carried their oyſters there to ſell. Whoever brings the ſaid negro to me, or ſecures him ſo that I get him again, ſhall have TEN DOLLARS reward, beſides what the law allows; and upon conviction of the thief, 20l. reward.*

(6) *GEORGE TURBERVILLE.*

COMMITTED to *Warwick* county jail, the 26th of laſt month, a negro man ſlave who ſays his name is *JEMMY*, and that he belongs to *John Edwards* of *Cheſterfield* county, on *Appamattox*. He is a luſty black fellow, appears to have been much whipped, and is remarkably bow-legged. The owner is deſired to pay charges, and take him away.

RICHARD ALLEN, jailer.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY,

A GOOD HOSTLER. *Such a one coming well recommended, for diligence and ſobriety, will have good wages from*

ROBERT ANDERSON.

LUNENBURG, *March* 4, 1776.

NOTICE *is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that I ſhall ſet out ſoon for* South Carolina, *where I expect to receive ſome money, to pay my juſt debts; but ſhould that ſcheme miſcarry, I propoſe trading in horſes, between ſome parts of* North Carolina *and* Virginia, *to accompliſh this deſirable purpoſe.*

EDWARD THWEATT.

TAKEN up in *Bedford*, on *Otter* river, a bay horſe with a blaze face, three white feet, and a glaſs eye. He is about 10 years old, 4 feet 4 or 5 inches high, has ſome ſaddle ſpots, paces and trots, and is branded on the near ſhoulder O. Poſted, and appraiſed to 10l.

THOMAS CLARK.

TAKEN up on mr. *Alexander M'Caul's* plantation, in *Henrico* County, a bay horſe about 10 years old, 4 feet 6 inches high, which ſtray came to the ſaid plantation ſome time laſt fall, and has a ſtar in his forehead, but no perceivable brand. Poſted, and appraiſed to 9l.

TURNER SOUTHALL.

To be *SOLD* to the higheſt bidders, on Wedneſday the 27th inſtant (*March*) at the late reſidence of mr. *James Barns*, deceaſed, in *Suſſex* county,

THE *perſonal eſtate of* Richard Barns, *conſiſting of houſehold furniture, ſeveral valuable horſes (amongſt them two blooded colts) a large ſtock of cattle, hogs, and ſheep, with a conſiderable quantity of corn, fodder*, &c. *Credit will be allowed till the 21ſt of* December *next, the purchaſers giving bond and approved ſecurity. At the ſame time, and place, will be hired out, until the firſt day of* January *next, ſeveral SLAVES, belonging to the orphans of the ſaid* Barns. *Bond with approved ſecurity will be required, by*

THE EXECUTORS.

To be SOLD to the higheſt bidder, purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of Alexander Brown, *deceaſed, at* Prince Edward *courthouſe, on* Monday *the 13th of* April *next, being court day,*

FOUR hundred acres of land in *Prince Edward* county, lying between *Buſh* and *Brier* rivers, and on both ſides of the main road that leads from *More's* ordinary to *Prince Edward* courthouſe. Twelve months credit will be allowed, the purchaſer giving bond, with approved ſecurity, to

THE EXECUTORS.

FEARNOUGHT ſtands at *Hicks's Ford*, in *Brunſwick* county, to cover mares at 40s. the ſingle cover ready money, or 6l. the ſeaſon, payable in *October* next. Good paſturage, and entertainment for gentlemens ſervants, gratis; but I will not be liable for any mares that may be ſtolen, or ſtray away.

WILLIAM EDWARDS.

To be SOLD,

THE plantation where I now live, containing 320 acres of land, about three miles above *Peterſburg*, whereon is a large new brick dwelling-houſe 54 feet by 32, with four rooms, and a flush paſſage, below ſtairs, and five rooms above, very commodiouſly contrived, and the building well executed, a brick kitchen 32 feet by 16, two rooms below, and two above ſtairs, with all other neceſſary offices, in good repair, and ſeveral orchards of the beſt kind of fruit trees. This ſeat being well known, I think a more accurate deſcription unneceſſary. The time of payment will be made eaſy to the purchaſer, and the terms known by applying to mr. *Thomas Ruffin*, or

(tf) ROBERT NEWSUM.

MECKLENBURG county, *Jan.* 1776.

THE ſubſcriber, from long experience, being fully convinced that the truſting plantations and ſlaves to the management of a ſet of people calling themſelves *overſeers*, will never produce any thing but ruin and deſtruction, is therefore determined to draw the management of what few ſlaves he poſſeſſes within the compaſs of his own perſonal abilities in looking over them, and, by this determination, has, and will have by next fall, between 20 and 30 very beautiful tenements, with a plantation to each, to rent out, either for a ſingle year, or term of years, and can ſupply the tenants with corn, wheat, fodder, and ſtock of all kinds.

Any woman of good character, who underſtands houſe-keeping, teaching young children to read, girls the ſempſtreſs buſineſs, embroidering, *&c.* and comes well recommended, ſhall meet with very agreeable and ſatisfactory encouragement by applying to

(tf) MATTHEW MARABLE.

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